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Enclosed please find our RESPONSE to the Office Action dated May 19, 2006.

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Response to Office Action

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are in response to the Office Action
mailed on May 19, 2006.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

Amendment

Listing to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.